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you have been away!

The enclosed two letters came a few days ago one after the other. I hope they do not happen to be of passing importance, for I did not hasten to dispatch them, thinking that others might follow & I would send them all together, but these two are all that came.

Our Rockford friends uncle Hardie & aunt Polly & aunt Sophia are all in their ordinary & would send their love too were they at my elbow just now. Remember us all very kindly to your venerable old mother, & remind her that ~~it is our~~ ^{all} ~~the~~ ^{we} may never meet again on this Earth, it is our joy to know that we shall meet again in that House above of many mansions which our Father is preparing for us.

Ever your affect. Cousin

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Delta Chambers
Liverpool. 28 Sep. 1893

My dear Cousin Muir,

We duly received your kind & interesting letter from on board the good ship Compaña & have since noted the fact of her safe arrival in New York having made a fairly good passage - as to time, of 5 ³/₄ days, barring the fogs. Since then no doubt unless detained by friends there, you have been spending across the Continent of N. America to your Beloveds at home in San Francisco, where I hope you found all well and glad to welcome you back.

Your visit here though short was a very pleasant one to all of us, & leaves behind it pleasant memories. Now, then since after

a lapse of 50 years we have got
more fully ~~in touch~~ with each other
we must let it go. Though the
Lunans we have had an inkling
now & then of your doings and often
had a nesting of your mother's kind
& affectionate letters to them, but
now that you are no myth, and
having seen you in the flesh - & face
to face, we shall look for a closer
friendship & shall be glad of a
fuller acquaintance of all your
doings and your whereabouts.

There are few who could be in
greater sympathy with the business
of your life, or who would give
a more attentive ear to its details.

I only wish there had been more
time to have brought you in touch
with some of our scientific men
here, but cherish the hope that since
you have found the way, & find
it so easy, you may indulge us

with a repetition of your visit
and that before any of us are very
much older.

Maggie went home to Auntie
last Friday when her mother would
have arrived an hour or two before her,
having left Chiracah for good.

My wife left yesterday for Amsted
for a few days' quiet, perfect quiet,
in the Country - Country of which
she is so passionately fond. My
eldest boy, John, just the Monday
after you sailed, knocked ^{arriving then} up
after the midnight hour, from his
long walking, ^{arriving then} ~~from his~~
in the finest condition of brown
ruddy health. He resumes his
work at University College just Monday.
James is back to the School of Art.
We all send our kindest love to you
My son Reggie sends his own special
love to Helen & Wanda & wonders
if Helen has learned to read
as well as to write, the time

Delta Chambers,
Liverpool, 28 Sep., 1893.

My dear Cousin Muir,

We duly received your kind and interesting letter from on board the good ship Campania, and have since noticed the paragraph of her safe arrival in New York, having made a fairly good passage -- as to time, of 5 3/4 days, barring the fogs. Since then, no doubt unless detained by friends there, you have been speeding across the continent of North America to your beloveds at home, in San Francisco, where I hope you found all well and glad to welcome you back.

Your visit here, though short, was a very pleasant one to all of us, and leaves behind it pleasant memories. Now then, since after a lapse of 50 years we have got more fully in touch with each other we must let it go. Through the Lunams we have had an inkling now and then of your doings and often had a reading of your mother's kind and affectionate letters to them, but now that you are no myth, and having seen you in the flesh and face to face, we shall look for a closer friendship and shall be glad of a fuller acquaintance of all your doings and your whereabouts.

There are few who could be in greater sympathy with the business of your life or who would give a more attentive ear to its recital. I only wish there had been more time to have brought you in touch with some of our scientific men here, but cherish the hope that since you have found the way, and find it so easy, you may indulge us with a repetition of your visit and that before any of us are very much older.

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Ever your affec. cousin,

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